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SUBJ: MALACCA STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

REF: (A) STATE 204885 (B) KUALA LUMPUR 5924

1. FURTHER TO REF B, PARAMESWARAN INFORMED US TODAY
(AUG 27) THAT IMCO SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED
RECEIPT OF TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS) AND HAS INFORMED
GOM THAT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN IMCO AND TRIPARTITE
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DELEGATION HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 0930 AUG 31 WITH
POSSIBLE SPILL OVER INTO THE AFTERNOON. IMCO ALSO HAS
PROMISED EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM AS REQUESTED DURING
SEPT 5-9 MEETING OF THE IMCO SAFETY OF NAVIGATION
SUB-COMMITTEE, AND HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED IT FOR
DISCUSSION AT 1130 HOURS OR 1430 HOURS SEPT 5. AFTER
INITIAL DISCUSSION TSS WILL BE REFERRED TO WORKING

GROUP ON SHIPS ROUTING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

2. PARAM SAID THAT THEY HAD HEARD FROM LONDON (PRESUMABLY FROM MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION) THAT ONE IMCO OFFICIAL DEALING WITH NAVIGATION MATTERS HAD OPINED THAT THE COMPULSORY 3.5 METER UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE (UKC) REQUIREMENT IN TSS MIGHT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES SINCE IT WOULD SET A PRECEDENT, BEING COMPULSORY RATHER THAN VOLUNTARY. PARAM REMARKED THAT THE IMCO OFFICIAL WAS PROBABLY UNAWARE OF "UNDERSTANDINGS" ALREADY REACHED IN CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND THIS WOULD BE CLARIFIED WHEN THE TRIPARTITE DELEGATION REACHED LONDON AND MET WITH IMCO REPS. HE ADDED THAT INITIAL JAPANESE REACTION TO TSS AS BROADLY OUTLINED TO THEM APPEARS POSITIVE.

3. MALAYSIAN DELEGATION PLANS TO DEPART EARLY MONDAY MORNING, AUG 29. COMPLETE ROSTER AS FOLLOWS: (A) CAPT. OSMAN DARUS, DIRECTOR OF MARINE, PENINSULAR MALAYSIA; (B) M. THILLAGADURAI, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY; (C) LT. COL. (NAVY) GOH SIEW CHONG (RMN), CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER, DEFENSE MINISTRY; (D) ZAKARIA YATIM, HEAD, INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS; AND (E) N. PARAMESWARAN, M.F.A.
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